

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>May 9, 2006</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2005-270-G</u>
UTILITIES MATTERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<u></u>

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2005-270-G – Request for Investigation to Determine Whether a Regulation Should Be Promulgated Requiring Relocation of Certain Meter Sets or Installation of Splash Guards on These Meter Sets – Discuss with the Commission a Petition and Motion for Clarification Filed by the Office of Regulatory Staff.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Mr. Chairman, in regards to the Office of Regulatory Staff's Petition for Reconsideration and Motion for Clarification, I move to grant the Petition in part and deny the Petition in part.

First, ORS requests that only gas suppliers or operators that have Type 12 gas meters or meters susceptible to an incident that occurred in Docket No. 2005-270-G be required to file a status report of their Type 12 gas meter remediation progress. I move to deny the ORS's request. If a gas supplier does not have any Type 12 gas meters or meters susceptible to an incident, the gas supplier can relay this information in a single report to the ORS.

Next, ORS requests that the Commission clarify its Order with respect to the contents of the Type 12 gas meter remediation progress status report. I move to grant the ORS's request for clarification regarding the contents of the status report. The status report of gas suppliers should include the following information:

1. Total Number of Type 12 Meter Sets on System
2. Total Number of Type 12 Meter Sets Subject to Service Regulatory Vent Moisture Intrusion and Freezing (those meter sets which either must be reconfigured or have a splash guard installed)
3. Total Number to Be Reconfigured
4. Total Number to Have Splash Guards Installed
5. Reconfiguration Schedule
6. Splash Guard Installation Schedule
7. Total Number Reconfigured to Date
8. Total Number Splash Guards Installed to Date
9. Forecast for Completing Reconfigurations
10. Forecast for Completing Splash Guard Installations

Third, ORS has offered to act as an administrator and receiver for the operators status reports. The Commission appreciates the ORS's willingness to take on this task. The utilities shall submit their reports to the ORS according to the terms of the Commission's directive. The Commission requests that the ORS in turn submit a collective filing describing each utility's progress in reconfiguring its meter sets and installing splash guards.

Next, the ORS argues that the Commission should reconsider its decision which requires the Commission Staff to study the \$5,000 property damage reporting requirement in Commission Regulation 103-415 with an eye towards lowering the \$5,000 threshold in the future. I move to grant ORS's petition for reconsideration of the \$5,000 property damage reporting requirement. The Commission issued proposed amended regulations for Article 4 on April 25th with public comments being due on May 25th. In these proposed regulations, the Commission Staff proposes that if the gas utility, after the investigation of an accident, finds that the property damage does not exceed \$5,000, the gas utility must notify the affected customer of its findings by certified mail. The proposed amended regulation requires the gas utility to notify the customer that if the customer disagrees with the utility's findings, the customer can file a written complaint with the Commission and provide a copy of the complaint to the ORS. As a review of Article 4 of the Commission's regulations is in progress, interested persons are encouraged to provide input and suggestions.

Finally, ORS requests that the Commission clarify its Order to state that ORS does perform on-site investigations of any reportable accidents. I move that the Commission's Order should be clarified to state that the ORS does perform on-site investigations of reportable accidents. It is now clear to the Commission that the ORS initially did not conduct an on-site investigation as it only learned of Ms. Ayer's claim that her property damage exceeded \$5,000 several months after the incidents which gave rise to these proceedings.

PRESIDING Vice Chairman Hamilton

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER		
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FLEMING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	ACCEPTED FOR FILING	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		DENIED	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Session: Regular

Time of Session 2:30 PM

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Commissioners Clyburn and Fleming were absent due to attending the NAWC Water Policy Forum in Amelia Island, Florida